GROSS RENT AS MORE THAN 30% OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER

For the majority of households headed by seniors, housing appears to be unaffordable: In 2000, 57% of renter householders aged 65+ years paid more than 30% of their income towards rent, compared to 73% in 1990. Affordability is an issue for a much smaller

proportion of householders aged between 15 years to 64 years. In 2000, 35% paid more than 30% of their income towards rent, a slight increase from 33% in 1990.

Table 7.15

Gross Rent as a Percent of Household Income by Age of Householder

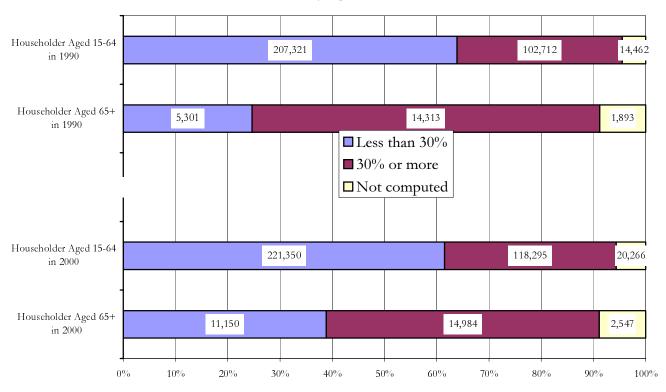
	Units		% of total	
	2000	1990	2000	1990
Total Householder Aged 15-64	339,645	310,033	100.0%	100.0%
Rent Less than 30% of Income	221,350	207,321	65.2%	66.9%
Rent 30% or More of Income	118,295	102,712	34.8%	33.1%
Percent Not Computed	20,266	14,462	6.0%	4.7%
Total Householder Aged 65+	26,134	19,614	100.0%	100.0%
Rent Less than 30% of Income	11,150	5,301	42.7%	27.0%
Rent 30% or More of Income	14,984	14,313	57.3%	73.0%
Percent Not Computed	2,547	1,893	9.7%	9.7%

Change in Households & Rental Costs Relative to Income by Age of Householder

	Units		#	%
	2000	1990	change	change
Total Householder Aged 15-64	339,645	310,033	29,612	9.6%
Rent Less than 30% of Income	221,350	207,321	14,029	6.8%
Rent 30% or More of Income	118,295	102,712	15,583	15.2%
Percent Not Computed	20,266	14,462	5,804	40.1%
Total Householder Aged 65+	26,134	19,614	6,520	33.2%
Rent Less than 30% of Income	11,150	5,301	5,849	110.3%
Rent 30% or More of Income	14,984	14,313	671	4.7%
Percent Not Computed	2,547	1,893	654	34.5%

Figure 7.18

Gross Rent as a Percent of Household Income by Age of Householder



Householder Aged 65 Years and above with Rent More Than 30% of Income

In 2000, about 67% of householders (14,984 households) headed by seniors spent more than 30% of their income on housing costs, a significant change from 73% in 1990. In 2000, 4 out of 5 senior households in Willowbrook, Northshore, and Hunterwood spent more than 30% of their income on rent. In 1990, all senior renter householders in East Little York/Homestead, Fort Bend Houston, Westbranch and Willowbrook lived in unaffordable rental units.

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of renter-households headed by seniors increased by 6,520. Only about 10% of these spent more than 30% of their income on rent.

The largest counts of such households in 2000 were found in Greater Uptown, Sharpstown, Memorial and Woodlake/Briar Meadow, all with 540 or more. In 1990, the largest counts were in Sharpstown, Greater Third Ward, and Greater Fifth Ward, each with 760 or more renter householders aged 65 years plus paying more than 30% of their income to rent.

Householder Aged 15 to 64 Years with Rent More Than 30% of Income

Both in 1990 and 2000, about one third of all householders between 15 to 64 years spent more than 30% of their income on rental costs. Significant proportions of renter-households in this age group in the southern

part of the City as well as the north and northeast lived in housing unaffordable to them both in 1990 and 2000. In 2000, more than half of renter-households in East Houston, East Little York/Homestead, Acres Homes, and El Dorado/Oates Prairie, spent more than 30% of their income on rent. In 1990, more than 59% of the renter-households in East Houston, East Little York/Homestead, Clinton Park, and Pleasantville spent more than 30% of their income on rent.

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of householders between 15 to 64 years increased by 29,612. Half of these spent more than 30% of household income on rental housing costs.

The largest counts of such households in 2000 were found in Sharpstown, Gulfton, and Alief, all with 5,000 or more. In 1990, the largest counts were also in Sharpstown, Gulfton, and Alief, each with 4,200 or more renter households in this income range paying more than 30% of their income to rent.

